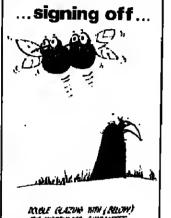
traditionatty-built high-rise 17kN even though it had piped tower block in east London has led to the gas being switched off and tenants moved out.

Routine tests on Herbert Willig House in Newham, less than half o mile from Ronan Point, hnvn shown that the block



gas in every kitchen.

Undergovernment guidelines the block should be able to withstand a blast of 34 kN.

Newlinm has ordered the gas to be switched off, removed and replaced with electrical appli-

Initial estimates say it could cost up to £1 million to makn the 11-storey block good and the council is moving out tenants while it decides whether to demolish or strengthen and

Herbert Willig House, in Holly Bush Street, was completed in 1964. It was not included government tests following the Ronan Point collapse in 1968 because it was deemed not to be system-built.

It lind escaped tests up until this year, when Newham council included it in a review of the borough's high-rise housing

During percussion testing on the exterior of the building, a pre-cost cladding panel on the

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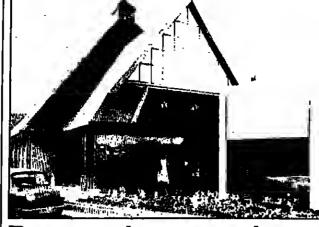
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Co. It has a reinforced concrete frame which is a composite of precast and cost in situ components. It is officially classed as having o frame structure and does not come under any government safety guidelines or system-built blocks.

Paul Gardner, Newham engineering department group leader, told BD the block was s "one off" and that there were no more like it in Newham. But he said there could be more in other boroughs.

"Until councils do their own structural tests on their housing stock we will never know the full extent of structural defects," he

The British reinforced Con-



## Barn style appeals

Harrogats's new Asde superstore, designs d by the John thrunton furthership, has reselved a nommendotion in the 1986 Horrogets District Design Awards. Dovelopers Asda-MFI Group and the erchitects were commended for "u good example of the 'Essex harn' approach to superstore design which had provided a useful public amenity, sliminated o largely design and upgraded the area as a whole."

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The judging panel sold: "The site planning was exession, improving the character of Bower Road by putting the offices, expressed us a series of gables, on the frontogs, disguiring the soles floor, storegs and unloading areas, conceoling the ear parking from view at the reor of the site and segregating delivery from austomers' vehicles. The store, and particularly the parking arrangements, appeared to be well liked by users."

# Local uproar sinks marina AUTHORITES A COUNCIL plan to allow a Southwold Harbour, part of the Piver Bluth have been crumb. Southwold Harbour, part of the cular" buildings and 1 ft. A COUNCIL plan to allow a Southwold Harbour, part of the Piver Bluth have been crumb.

300-home and 300-boat marina development on marshes in the Suffolk Hnritage Coast has been shelved, following an explosion

The walls at the mouth of

of local and national opposition. A delegation led by local MP Jim Prior has been to the DoE and a fresh engioeering report is to be sought. The proposals, recommended by a working part of Waveney

District Council, caused uproar n the small town of South wold, 3 miles south of Lowestoft. The dsveloper was offering to epair harbour walls as part of

crete Co is no longer trading.

River Blyth, have been crumbling for some years. Waveney, the port authority,

announced last month that repairs would cost £3.5m, but that developer Pentacon Ltd would bear this cost if allowed to carry out a leisure development there, designed by architects De Brant Joycc.

The proposal was to cut a new 400-yard channel, thus crenting an island out of part of the marshes. On this Pentacon would have huilt houses and marina. Artist's impressions were produced which showed curiously un-Sulfolk "verna-

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Government plans for now referred the mains fr eight new urban developback to the committee by: it forward. Meansth & ment corporations by claiming they should contincil is being urged to the marshes to the Nation have more power than their predecessors.

The institute, which is fighting to retain eredibility for its own inner urban aid initiatives (see back page),

A BATTLE of contrasting archi-

lectural styles looks set to break

out over Spitalfields Market on

Developer Rosehaugh Stan-

baps has commissioned Leon

Krier to draw up a master plenfor

London & Ediaburgh Trust

has hired MacCormae Jamie-

soa & Prichard and Fitzroy

Krier wants to produce a

classical design. He told BD: "I would only work oo the plan if I

could uso traditional classiciat architects to desigo individual

buildings."
Rosshaugh Stanbope director

had all been lined up to work on

He added that other architects

fera likely to be used, and that

restrict him to the master-plan

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Spitalfields set tor

the south working to since! been launched by the RIBA.

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slacker, with the exception RIBA Council last year, but was finally seeured

Londan office market bank place over the last years property consultant Dak ham Tewson & Chiesal Disposal totsiled 330,000, while new speaking.

following the intervention of Riehard Rogers.

Office record RIBA says councils can't cope

THE RIBA has stepped says the new bodies should be must be funded accordingly by much more than "enablers", government," he says. In a letter to DoE chief what it sees as the success of Nicholas Ridley, RIBA presi-dent Larry Rolland says thny existing corporations in London and Liverpool, is likely to annoy

Rowntree Charitable Trust.

### By Alan Thompson

should be given powers to carry merely stimulate it.

"UDCs need to become authorities with larger implementation powers and they

heir inner eity problems. Rolland said: "UDCs have proved that they are able to achieve real progress towards solving problems of inner city decay more quickly than other major design battle agencies. Provided that they are now given the necessary powers to ensure their activities are

s number of souncils which have

project based and they do not spend too long theorising, then the RIBA wholeheartedly supwould work on the sehema if he approved of thomaster planand if norts them." Meanwhile the institute is also acking the non-government Phoenix Initiative in its aims to

Bradman said the plao would be submitted after a design brief by Tower Hamlets couoell promote public and private published in September.

# Waiting in

he had the time.

AN announcement is imminent about the winning architect in the limited competition for an extension to the neo-classical Godfrey Bradmao seld that Fitzwilliam Museum in Cam-Quinlan Terry, Robert Adam, bridge, Proposals bave been larry Farrell and Jeremy Dixon submitted by Demetri Porsubmitted by Demetri Por-phyrios, Nicholas Hare, and

Colquhoun & Miller.
The original Fitzwilliam building was designed by George Arisr might design ooe or two individual buildings, although and E M Barry. Post-war and E M Barry. Post-war artensions were designed by

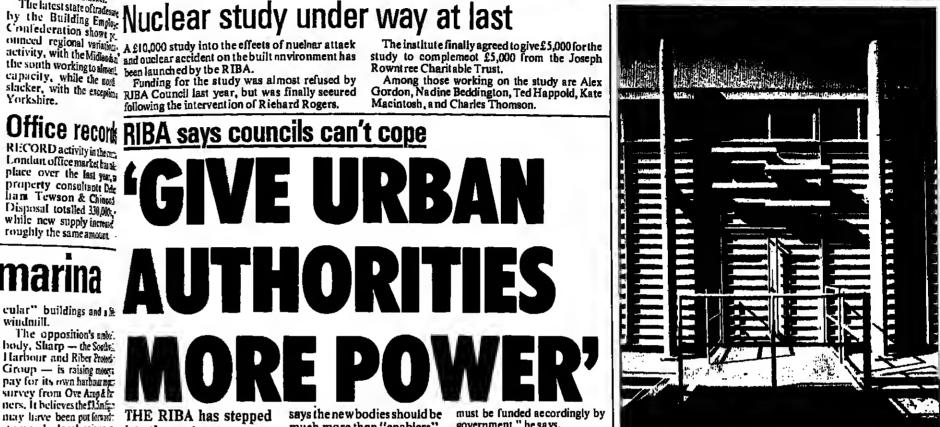
brochure.

Partner Marco Goldschmind has written to all the RICS members the partnership has protest to the institution about Not using o chartered surveyor can put you at risk.

He complains that the bro-

Institution of Chartered Sur- designed them, while implying that the KICS includes designers in its membership. He says the brochura is

alism we both set ourselves".



slready told the Government Seven buildings have been premiated In the 1986 Rt8A Architseture they do not want their own powers to carry out urban pleted between eight and three yeors ago. They range from the femiliar, rush as Berry Gasson's Burrall Galtery le Polick Perk, Glasgow, already the recipient of several ewards, to the homs of David programmes given to anyone But Portland Place belinves it has become clear that many authorities cannot cope with

The weekly newspaper for the design team

rocsive sommendations were Chester-ic-Street Civic Ceotre, the Old Vin (also RHWL) The Ismntii Centre, Nicholas Grimshaw's Horman Miller warshouse and Jarnmy Dixon'n niartsr flats in Maida Vaic. Thurlow, senior partnnr lo Cam-bridgo Design. RtBA president Lerry Rollandnce this year's renponse as eocouraging but is particularly koon to tocreanc the Two industrial projects wee preiss: the Rydar Nicklin Portocrship'n number of futere communitions from the peblis. Ac eshibition of the swert Armstrong Works for Vickers in Newcastle — "eo organisso and excellent pleen of architesture" — and the Frisdland Tool Shop to Stoskport by Dorck Codling — "rests winners will tour the country after th presentation in October. The awards are sponsored by Marley Roof Tiln.

with great elegance, the dstalling throughout is mstisulous and right". Region Howard Wood Lovin's Royal Concert Hell in Notlinghem eccives oo award, as does the more modest Repertory Theatre in Dunde hy the Nisell Russell Studio.

The final award goes unusually to a church — the Roman Catholic Cherch of the Holy Inooceots in

Orpington, by the Michael Biee Design Partnership. Among the better known projects to

would be a success with clients. "They can't understand it. and they certainly won't want to pay for it," he concluded.

The strange

post-modern

architecture

REPORTS on the death of post

ated, according to proctitioners

and pundits questioned this

The August issue of the

*Architectural Revie*w fontures an

article by E M "Libby" Farrelly

kicking the "painted corpse" of post-modernisht and replacing

t with something called "The

Piers Gough told BD hennver

read the *Architectural Review* 

unless it has Norman Foster on

the cover, but commented: "I

think it's wishful thinking, but

then post-modernism never was

"lt's a style that second-rate

architnets are not going to give

up yet because it's too con-

venient." He wasn't convinend

that the "New Esting Spirit"

New Spirit".

alive in the AR.

week, writes John Morrish.

death of

Thrry Ferrell found the pince "quite amusing", but added: "I thought it was n pretty thin

argument. "I don't believe there's a specific thing called post-mod-ernism. It means the age after modnmism. We are all postmodernists now, even the 'new

spiritists"," he said. The New Spirit looked like an amalgam of Chernikov and Punk: "The Russian Revolution lives in East London with a safety pin through its nosn."

He said some of the latnr postcontinued page 3

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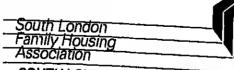
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## Rogers joins row over **RICS** publicity brochure

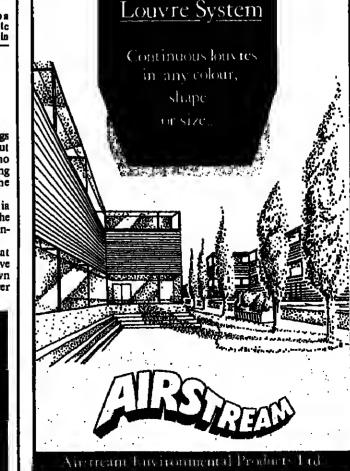
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David Minns

David Minns' winning entry related to the design of a retail store with retained lacade of the listed building that occupied the site.

David used his prize money as deposit on a terraced house to which he applied the principles of refurbishment with energy

deeply committed to committee the design - Computer at a design of the design of

## Riverside offices get go-ahead

PLANS for 9,346sq m of offices next to Tower Bridge have been approved by environment secretary Nicholas Ridley after a public inquiry.

Designed by Cecil Denny Highton & Partners, the building will replace the redundant

The office development was first proposed in 1984 as a refurbishment project, but the developer claims it became unprofitable after VAT was stended to building alterations nthe 1984 Budget.

Subsequent proposals to iemolish and rebuild were umed down by the London Docklands Development Corpomition and the DoE ordered a

public inquiry.
The building will be predomnently red brick with a central ful-height glazed entrance leading to an ntrium. Construction is due to start early next year.

### 'Death of postmodernism'

modern work already used imilar niotifs, and claimed AR reflected British puritanism about commercial work. The magazine would not liave recognised the great cinemas or the louver factory at the time.

Critic Gavin Stanip said modernism itself was dying 15 years ago, but still carried on. He nbjected to post-moderaism as pretentions and visually illiterte", but added: "I'd rather have that than the stuff coming from

'I suppose it's the American ide of post-modernism which I ind so nauseating. They take James Stirling is on holiday.

More fee cuts on the way for Glasgow

profit merely to slay in business.

some cuts and is currently

involved in a damage limitation

But the RIAS is resigned to

Glasgow council has already

Glasgow nrchitects have

GLASGOW archilects are the amount of work in the area declines, they feel they could be forced to take on this work at no protesting al the city council's plans to cut fees for grantfunded housing repair projects y 33 per cent.

The council is proposing to: cut the maximum fee for architects services from 15 to 10

agreed to raise fee avnilability at reduce the percentage of fee recoverable at tender stage from tender stage to 50 per cent and is 75 per cent to 25 per cent;
slash the fees for extra work 10 per cent fec. on the contract to 2 per cent, olready been asked by the local

A spokesman for the Glasgow health anthority to cut their fees. Institute of Architects said this week that if the council's proposals go through, the profit margin in many small jobs

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would disappear and cash flow roblems would be introduced nto larger projects.
An RIAS spokesman voiced

oncern over the cuts, "We have et our fee scales and if the client isists on a lower fee level the mality of service must become nadequate," he said.

Assistant housing director Roddy McDowell told BD; "We want value for money in our housing repair programme.

At least four architectural by the proposed cutbacks, but as

## Dunbar draws up new design guides

MEL Dunbar, the architectplanner who drew up the influential but controversial Essex design guide in the early 1970s, is producing similar guidance for

iwo growth towns.
They are Bishops Stortford laffected by the Stansted Airport extension) and Didcot, in e buoyant M4 corridor. Dunbar, now in private

ractice at Wethersfield near raintree as Melville Dunbnr Associates, is acting for landowners at Bisliops Stortford. They have retained him

because they wish to see their holdings — south and west of the town and now earmarked in the structure plan review for orderly and attractive way.

The expansion is likely to include a supermarket as well as ,500 homes. At Didcot, Dunbar's elient is South Oxfordshire District Council, which wishes to achieve a similar result in its Ladygrove expension eree.

and north-cast of the railway station and the existing town. tary has designated for housing spite of some opposition.

tium of other housebuilders are pressing to ninke n start on development, which would total some 4,000 new homes. But at Didcot, Dunbar Asso-

cietes are considerably further ahead. The Ladygrove Design Guide is now out for consultation before going to the council for approval Assuming it is edopted, it will

BRITONS spent more than £1 million on double-glazing in 1985 according to aluminium window meterials supplier Al-

# Portmeirion apology

ON August 5 1983 we published an article about Portmeirion village which contained allegations that Mr end Mrs Cooper-Willis hed improperly diverted to the Pert neitlen pottery business trust funds that had been dedicated by Sir Clough
Williams-Ellis to the preservation of Portmeirion villege, end that Mr and Mrs Cooper-Willis had neglected the village.

Clough's wishes. We epologise to them for any emberressment and damege they were caused by the publice tion of that article. An agreed We now recognise that there sum has been paid to them by way of damages and costs.

Clough Williems-Ellis' deeth,

Mr and Mrs Cooper-Willis and

the rest of the menagement of

Portmeirion Ltd have been working hard to preserve Fort-meirion in accordance with Sir



## Heals straightens up

Work started this week on ripping out the curved windows in the Heeks building on Tottenham Court Road as o first stage in restoring the shop with its original 1913 plate glass frontage (above right), designed by Cecil Brewer.

The Thirties Society fought Heaks' application to denicilist the 1936 windows (left) but lost the ease in December 1984.

Henis wanted to remove the windows because of wasted titsphay space,

reduced natural light in the shop and difficulty of vicwing from the pavement.

Itsialiation of the new flat frontage should be completed by the end of the month but all is not lost to affeiorados of Sir Edword Mnufe's curved gluss windows, because part of the 1930s shopfront will be preserved by the Hollerhouse and the Pilkington Glass Museum.

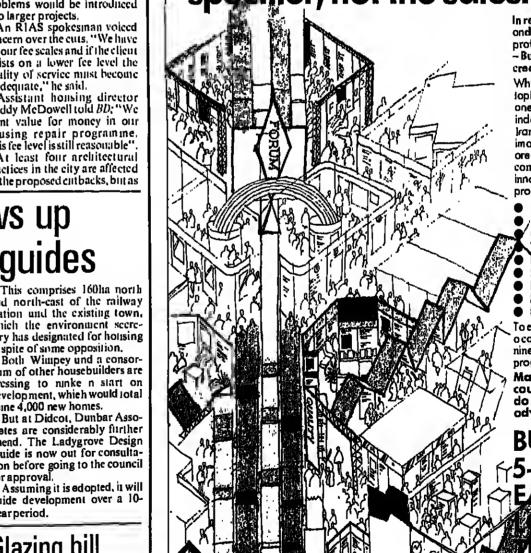
### Roman holiday

TWO scholarships have been awarded by the British School at

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A special one-year scholarship has been awarded to Rejen

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involved in the creation of the Patera

Chris outered designs los the Kew Gardens Exhibition Hall 11982 and the ICI Exhibition Hall for the Hoyal

Agricultural Show (1984), being placed

related to a neigy conservation improvements in Leicester University Library

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Duncen Bower

Drincan Bower's winning entry involved the returbishment of warehouse 13 on the Hull Manua site, converting the top 5 floors into liais and weekend calsus, over a new gocial/

Duncan's design used passive/active environmental principles to produce an energy-ellicient building with resultant ow cost-in-use.

Currently at Shelheld University.
Luica, completes the course for his
Diploma in Architecture in Summer
1986, and then his career can develop in whatever direction he chooses.



PART of the Georgian centre of Bath has been badly damaged by fire and the buildings affected may have to be demolished.

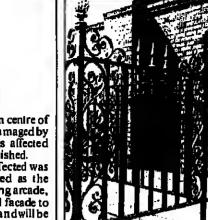
Luckily the area affected was due to be redeveloped as the "Collonades" shopping arcade, and the Grade I-listed facade to the buildings is intact and will be

Paul Elster of developer Grosvenor Square Properties said it has been a major fire but the development was certain to go ahead.

The site is opposite the spa Ireatment rooms which were due to be restored later this year until Blakeney Hotels withdrew

It had planned to contribute £3 million for the work but pulled out complaining that an English Tourist Board grant of £200,000 was far too little.

The council now plans undertake some restoration work using £850,000 from the sale of the Collonades site.



laughter

Islingioo council orchiteets designed this commemorative railing for the tomb of Joseph Grimaldt, tha clown who was born, lived, and died locally. The railing was madeby architectural metalworhers Richard Quinnel.

Traditional fitted construction is used throughout to fix upright railings to horizontal bars, ovoiding the ugly effects of modern walded techniques.

At one end are two symbolic masks, a tragic one larking behind a comic one, recalling the twin sspects of Grimaldi's own life. intake judgment

News !

Committee publishes bonds guidance

Save schools plan

fails in High Court

By Alan Thompson

intake in both schools of archi-

But the judge last week ruled that the decision by the educa-

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NJCC chairman, Antony Carr, said that if the tendening procedures recommended by the NJCC is available from RIBA Publications, price £1.25.

of architecture have failed. Kirklees council and the London Borough of Newham challenged the Government's decision to stop this year's tion secretary, taken after firm

Hudderssield and North East

London Polytechnic's schools

places had been offered to students, was not unreasonable.

Now students who expected to start at the colleges in September will have to wait until August to see whether other schools of architecture will take

given preference.

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Huddersfield has now admit-

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Inde towards education,"

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the local authorities in F Wales and Scotland The Department of Education & Science has taken the contains details on h societies and a section? two schools' yearly intake of 60 relevant bodies It is p. and redistributed 58 places to £14.95. other schools, asking them to give priority to Hudderfield and NELP students.

CEGB goes But this means the loss of two places and there is no guarantee hat displaced students would be

UP to eight new nucleur stutions will have to bebu led defcal and will officially the next 25 years to keep; nower demands, the C three years the school of archi-Electricity Generating? tecture will have closed comsaid last week.

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investigated in the Br. THE growth of building conser-Respond Establishment vation in the last 20 years has

has just been published.

It lists 156 research and historic heritage one of the most powerful draws

and, among more contage for overseas tourists.
building projects, these The English Torist Board's

three man-years to prote 1986 report says during 1985.

1986 report says during 1985, 30,211 historic buildings were the dumping of noise added to the DoE's list of waste in the sedimental occours.

bringing the total number of

The number of Grade I listed

desired, the report says.
In 1985 listed building con-

though this compares with 372

Two Grade II\* buildings

Clsyhouse Bsrn and Kerswell

Priory, were affected and the

The Ancient Monuments

Society received notification of

applications to demolish 490

Forty of these were in Greater

London, 29 in West Yorkshire.

The number of scheduled

monuments stood at 12,875 in

December 1985 but this is set to

more than treble within ten

years as English Heritage has

announced plans to schedule

45,000 new sites before 1996.

Warning on

out of line

DEVELOPERS could be risking

huge finoncial penalties by

allowing buildings to stray

outside designated areas in

development plans, the Royal lastitution of Chartered Surve-

It has produced a Lond

Registry code with guidelines

ed buildings in 1985,

and 20 in Merseyside.

remsinder were all Grade 11.

for DoE

Sales, BRE, Garston, E.

gets update

the 1986/87 edition.

Apart from address

The annual upon e TEGB predicts at more This leaves the polytechnic energy demandaddis,coq with the headache of what to do with the declar of some e. with the staff of the schrol as n albout 14,000m Woffene Stepping "no compulsory redundancies" city would be needed by the Vice-principal Professor of the century. Frank Barr told RD: "We have

been unfairly (reated but we still FAS election have one or two options left and intend to fight ou." GORDON Carline, 175 NELP will continue to admit Consulting engineers &:
Kent & Stone, has ben! overseas und puri-time students.

ber of overseas students from Architects & Surveyor 10-15 to 20-25 per year to keep Home boost School hend Nathan Silver ald BD; "The fight now is to

president of the Fir-

It notes that errors are eommonplace with some buildings missing the mark by 11p to 13

yors has warned.

plications could be turned down with developers facing the possibility of heavy demolition costs and rebuilding from scratch to conform with boundaries originally laid out.

lodged three objections to the draft local plan drawn up by the Chartered surveyors are aufneighbouring City of London.
The council's planning and development committee chairficiently concerned to have speni more than a year working with Her Majesty's Land Regiman, Alan Bradley, said it stry and some of the major wanted greater protection for views of St Pauls "which could be lost for good if the plan goes

andscape Industries.



While Arata Isozohl'nunsuccessful ontry for the Tohyo City Hall competition has been attracting all the attention (it was recently on show at the 9H Gallery), Kenzo Tange's winning scheme has escaped the limelight. Two distinct tower blocks, (left) one with twinned columns, the other with three attached forms stepping up, are linked by tridge neroes the city block. Enclosing wings apprend forward from the twin tower to embrace a new Civic Plaza bridged by o rood (above). Criticalla learn have appreciated the proposalla past-modern Gothlobut. (above). Critics in Japan have suggested the proposal is post-modern Gotblebut Tange sees it as expressing "o new style nuited to our era . . . to overcome the eclectic maoner of the present transitional stoge".

### Copies of the program listed buildings in England to available from Public 367,720. Development plan boost buildings rose by 129 to reach 5,754 in December 1985. Who's When But the demolition of protected buildings leaves a lot to be for Greenwich architects LONGMAN has upter directory of local authors the 1092-072 and the 1092-072 are the 1092-072

GREENWICH council plans to recruit more than 40 architects and assistants as part of a £100 million capital pending programme to take lace over the next two years.

The programme is aimed at mior, mid management and chief officer level with salaries of more than £20,000 on offer. About 300 jobs will be created.

Arise Sir Andrew

Sir Andrew and Lady Derbyshite show off the lotest architectural haight's medal after his investiture at Buckingham Polace. Derbyshire was made haight in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his services to orchitecture.

for rate capping next year, it has By Alan Thompson

among the 20 councils selected

evaded DoE restraints on capilal expenditure by initiating a programme of forward funding and deferred purchase schemes. This kind of borrowing was

the day after Greenwich puahed its spending package through.

Development plans include a £16 million new-build programme aimed st producing 400 lousing units a year for the next four years, major repair and properties costing £30 million a year, and a range of traffic and road improvements including rebuilding the Woolwich Lower

Road at a cost of £5 million. The programme will be extended to include the development of tourism facilities in the borough, extending the riverside footpath, n new library at homesmead, and South East London's biggest leisure com-plex on the old Woolwich power station site.
Greenwich is able to carry out

development in Oxford has been

lammed for greediness after

applying to use cheaper roof

tiles on the prestige homes.
The company, Charles
Church Chiltern, has been told

by the council to use clay tiles on

the houses which had been pre-

sold at prices upto £250,000, but

asked for permission to use

Developers are guilty of

'unlimited greed' over tiles

inflating its capital spending allowance by skilful forward

The council came up with three-point plan: • £11 million of deferred purchase deals:

 signed leasing agreements worth more than £30 million; hiving off parts of the council's building programme inclu-ding the £5 million Riverside

Recreation complex so that it can borrow money in its own right Deputy council leader Dave Picton said: "Among other aspects of the financial package we have made use of the common commercial practise of including design and implementation costs of projects as part of

cheaper concrete ones.

a few hundred quid."

developers?

After the planning committee

rejected the application Albert Ramsay said: "I wonder if there

is any limit to the greed of

"People are queuing up to buy these homes at £250,000. The

company must have made o

### Demand for development assessment

THE Town & Country Planning Association has urged the DoE to ensure local authorities and the public are involved in drawing up environmental assessments of proposed developments.

The plea follows DoE proposals for the assessments to be ncluded in the UK planning

TCPA deputy director Chris Gossop said: "We understand the worry industry has about confidentiality but the risks of not involving the local authority ond the public outweigh the

disadvantages." The association has also called for developments such as forestry schemes, which are not subject to planning controls but have a large environmental impact to be included in the

## Filing system gets review

A REVIEW of the CI/SfB classification is to be undertaken to ensure it is up-10-date.

Dargnn Bullivant, a member of the International Council for Building Research which administers the system, said talks on an update had been going on or about a year.

The review has now been given the go-ahead but will take several years with completion unlikely before 1990.

The council would welcome suggestions about the system from architects.

### Negative impact

PHOTOGRAPHS of 24 of Englands's most beautiful rurol areas, nearly all threatened by development, will go on display at London's Royal Festival Holl on September 4.

Organised by the Council for the Protection of Rural Engtand, "Tomorrow" has contributions from leading photo-graphers including David Bailey, Lord Lichfield and Terence bomb and now they want to save | Donovan. The exhibition will

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Retrospective planning ap-

An RICS spokesman said: developers on this problem and have produced a Land Registry code,"

Job 'theft'

SHURT-TERM Manpower

Services Commission employ-ment schemes are taking business away from bona fide andscaping contractors according to a survey carried out by the British Association of

ahead aa it is". It also wanted further safeguards to ston other attractive

"We are also worried that selicopters taking off and landing within the City of London will cause a major nuisance as they fly over Westminster uoless there is better provision for consultation.

City plan

objections

WESTMINSTER Council has

ed after apposition from local residents. ey claimed that the temple would cause traffic cong

# 'Rigid' planning system must go

THE paramount need for the reintroduction of flexibility to he town planning system will have a profound impact on the approach that architects should e taking in environmental

The proposed changes in the Use Clssaes Order, apart from some relatively minor and obvious amendments, fit the new brosd approach required to

We con no longer allow our town planners to hide behind the present often inflexible interpretation of rigid and restrictive olicies, Instead, we can have n positive and freer interpreation, as often olready seen in the deprived areas where new investment requires encourage ment, but not often seen in the green belt zones and suburbic where investment pressure is grentest, and inflexibility is the easy option.

The proposed "employment generating space" use creates the opportunity to be flexible ot just in town planning, but in the architect's solution to lownseape and building design. Not having to say "this is an office" or "this is a factory" will raise a challenge to all architects involved in design. How flexible can our clients afford to be How permanent is this building

The final design will depen on the architect's clients' overall philosophy and courage.

To aid their approach, redefinition of terms is required. A town planning application requires to know the gross area of a building irrespective of the amount of usable area, ie iobencrating space and essentia internal infrastructure. In addition, improved technical standards are increasing the complexity of external wall design. Many refurbishment have a targe volume in relation to the usable

Thus "gross area" ahould be redefined as "gross internat area" excluding the external walls and architectural features from the calculations. As a result the architeet has a more flexible approach to designing the building envelope, whilestill achieving the required internal

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not concern itself with the net to gross ratios, which in the ms elves are meaningless, but can instese concentrate on the quality of flexibility erested internally

within on improved envelope. The other financial advisers to the client, chartered surveyors and quantity surveyors can work more simply with only one set of basic figures.

How does this relate to th new Use Closses Order? It tion to be made between the usable space created and the number of users within the subclassifications to each proposed

The parallel exists already is residential town planning applicntions. The question "how many habitoble rooms?" dictotes the number of occupants and the theoreticians planning our lowns for the 21st century only need to spply one set of criteria. Much easier and therefore more flexible for all it applied to all forms of building Briao Prideaux

Stereotyped irrelevance

From Peter Ahrends IN his letter replying to Abe Hayeem's appeal to architects against a partheid, Laurie Cadell laims that some of us have been "taken in" by what he describes aa Abe's biased propaganda

(June 25). Cadell's letter is a classic example of a knee-jerk reaction. Almost unbelievably, he trots out completely stereotyped views about how South Africa will be takeo over by the Russians (in the 60s it used to be the Chinese) who, he tells us, also control the ANC. Biased oropaganda?

His point about the fine architecture built in South A frica is absolutely irrelevant to the urgent need to remove the current regime, once and for all. This "fine architecture" (by whites, for whites — remember? is as nothing compared with the atrocious suffering and oppression experienced by the black

Why not re-examine your priorities, Cadell — it's not too lote to chonge your mind.

### 'Red bogey plays again

IF Laurie Csdell is worried South African architecture (July 25) perhaps I can put his mind at rest by sssuring him that much of the post-war high-rise developments in the Soviet Union are just so ghostly as some of our own identical schemes. (

Indeed, it is a matter of regret that to some extent, modern architecture is becoming more universal — perhaps of necessity
— and locking national character. On the other hand, the expertise with which the Soviets lyave restored fine works dese-

to cover up our own misdeeds.

Cadell and his ilk should heed the works of Malcolm Frazer of the Eminent Persons Group to understand why black South Africa is coming under Russian influence. Many politicians in the West cannot look further than the ends of their noses. Without apartheid there would be no Soviet influence, just as there would have been no Castro without Batista, no Ortego without Samosa and indeed no

tackle the fundsmentals, no Victor Bretman

struments of a white minority | snd energy eonservation does | government whose time is all but | need s response. I have recently |

Peter Ahrends London NWI

also plesd guilty.)

Hs ving eriticised Abe Hoyeein for being more interested in politics than orehiteeture, Csdell goes on to do just that. We can lways rely on the "red bogey" used to hear the same tune in the 1930s from Dr Goebbels 10 excuse Nazi atrocities.

Lenin without the Tsar. While there is poverty and injustice it is pointless to talk of Russian influence or, for that matter, to squander resources only to increase that influence. Architects, of all people, should concern themselves only with

**Energy design** below par

PETER Benwell's defensive letter (August I) concerning Ted

BUILDING AT ITS MOST FLEXIBLE.

been involved in investigating all kinds of energy work being

underisken at the local authority level. I have recently produced a report for the Centre for Local Economie Strategies that looked at "best practice" and am working with a number of local authorities in the Sout East under the umbrella of the South Esst Economie Development Strategy Association There is no doubt that SO-

ACE (and STCELA) and AMSAC are doing sterling work in helping local authorities o become more energy-efficient, but the focus of these. and the Audit Commission's nterest in energy as well, is on remedial measures to a building stock which, on the whole, doesn't lend itselfawfully well to perhaps the Energy World eost-effective improvements. exhibition under construction at Much of this work is co-Milton Keynes will shift things ordinated by a new profession of in this direction. Adrian Atkinsoo "energy managers" working through loest authority finance London NW1 or technical services departments, rather than directly Institute

through arehiteets. The job of nrchitcets is therefore mainly to casure that oll new buildings are inherently energy-efficient. Certainly some arehiteets have taken energy on board as a major design issue and many local authorities now have one or more "energy demonstration schemes". However, the bulk of buildings under construction, while more energy-efficient than they would have been in the past by dint of the Building Regs, are still far short of current "good practice" in terms of energy-efficient

My impression is that the problem is not simply a technical one but has something to do with what architects are trained to think their job is primarily about, abetted by eneral public that endorses that role - in the end to the detriment of building users. 'Style" is the preoccupation of the architectural process and the various functional needs follow — the subtleties of passive solar design become peripheral except in those cases (and pracices) where energy-efficiency is made a priority

But Cheshire County Coun cil's Wallasey school, built in 1961 and demonstrating enormous energy savings, remained an isolated example. We may have to be content with an approach such as the Milton Keynes Pennylands housing, which while looking very like any other spec-built house, nevertheless cuts energy costs by majority day by day, hour by letter (August I) concerning Ted nevertheless cuts energy costs by hour under the malignant in- Stevens' report on architects 50 per cent at very little ad

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The fact is that people still a ditional eapital cost. Technical sids to architects so and some are remarkable are incressing. The RIBA's successfut commercially. would seem that the risks and energy group has done stalwart problems of being a practitioner work over the yesrs. There are are regarded as beings cceptable now specialist courses on energy in relation to potential rewards. n building, although the regular On the other hand, it may be a undergraduate courses have s ong wsy to go. The DoE hss decision of last resort in some availsble a computer disc aid to eases. Employers do not necessarily possess the skills and l energy-efficient design, devel-

oped at the Open University,

supplement poll which found

architects uncommitted on

energy efficiency, although

disappointing, were not sur-

prising. It would appear that the

relevance to good architecture of energy-efficient design is

insufficiently grasped and that

the interest shown in it during

the 1970s was nothing more than

Through its vorious initia-tives for Energy Efficiency Year 1986, the RIBA is attempting to

re-establish energy efficiency as

a real architectural issue. For

example, the RIBA and CIBSE

have jointly allocated an

additional £12,000 to the multi

professional regional energy groups to help finance a wide

range of additional activities aimed at developing a longer

term interest among all the

building professions in energy

Miles Scott's reaction to the

poll (Letters July 18) is interest-

ing, not because it offers a

convincing explanation of its

indings, but because in quest-

ioning the need for architects to

care at all about energy it foils

completely to understand the

importance of energy efficiency

Two simple focts illustrate the

point. First, more than 50 per

energy is consumed in buildings.

This is more than for any other single sector of the conomy

Secondly, a concern for energy efficiency is a concern for the economy, health and comfort

on beholf of the client. Low-

ncome families in todoy's hard-

o-heat tower blocks will have

little sympathy for the view that energy efficiency is the concern of physicists and politicians

rather than architects, who

claim to possess the requisite

Robbers and

masochists?

JACK Torrance (July 25) writes

of the relationship, in his opinion, between professional practice and madness and lists,

in the form of questions, the burdens of being in professional

As he puts it, one might be

From James Mitchell

as a fundamental principle of

building design.

design skills. Michael Simpson London W1

an ephemeral trend.

professional judgments required of employees and may find it and is siso producing a manusl quite impossible to obtsio on passive solar design. So I am somewhat sceptical employment in the market of Peter Benwell's hard sell of the concern of architects over Torrance also refers to the two decades from the mid-50s to energy-efficiency and suspect that it will be a while before the mid-70s ss "great years of anything like the promise emimaginative and innovative bodied in sysilable energydesign". Others msy take the efficient designaids is realised. It view that these were the years of will probably have to await the design and construction disdsy when energy-efficient deasters, the social and economic consequences of which are, ever sign coincides more closely with now, not fully realised, prevsiling fashion. Theo sgain,

> rance refers to a ty serial abou train robbers and it may be that he is suggesting that this has some relationship with business practicel

In his final comment To

James Mitchell

#### Quality, not contribution From Michoel Simpson. RIBA quantity secretorial THE results of your energy

From Richord Burton YOUR comment (July 25) under the headline "A bridge too many", about our scheme for a bridge over the Thames south of Charing Cross Station. seems to play important sad direct attention to an irrelevant. spect of our suggestion.

What matters, surety, is a who thought of it first but whether it's worth doing.

The idea has attracted ess more architectural minds that you suggest, the record go ack until at least 1857 act includes Lutyens. I was inspire with the idea by my stepfath: Sir Gerald Barry, in 1951, and 1982 invited Richard Rose Ove Arup's, John Hawle Brian Richards and othen work on a scheme for the Thames together. Later, Cedna Price and Terry Farrell made roposals for the site 100. 1km of students who have also dou

What seems important to a is not how many others have he an idea, nor in which order thought of il, but what thatic mny be. That so many of war thinking of a link between South Bank and Trafalia Square indicates, surely, growing possibility that such bridge might be built, linking north and south in a way loss ent of the nation's primory

In the teeth

## of the DES From Peter Jacob, deputy had Kingston School of Architecture

THANK you Scorpio (August) for the free publicity for the Kingston School de inaccuracies and the inevitable

l am sorry to disappoint you but it is not a subtle change of tack, not a self-inflicted stack on conservatism, not an inner cabal, nor even is it post-East paranoia — whatever that might

It is simply the unrelet It is simply the unreleased and depression of form the taining a part-time staff in the teeth of the unending mention of the teeth of the unending to the teeth of the unrelease of the unending to the unrelease of the unrelea

blood has nothing to do and youth and entbusiasm. ness the late Walter Segat Petar Jacob persuaded that professional

masochists and he offers no reasons why anyone should reasonably set up in business as a design consultant.

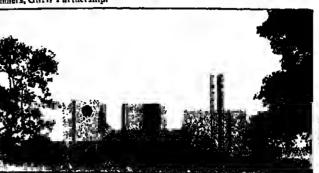
Hannoh Volvies, who wat the sible for Kingston's first year, has resigned in projection the "cuts" - Ed.

Infill



### On the ball

Architects practice Lewis & Hickay organised the Archatd rounders tournament last month and raised £7(1.80 for Sportald. In addition to their team (pictured), practices involved included Newmao Levinson, and the winners, GMW Partnership.



### Best of Yorkshire

To those for whom the word coalline conjures up visions of grimy tin shacks and stark winding gear -Selby may come as a surprise. Architects Fletcher Ross & Hickling are the Joint winners of the RIBA Yorkshire region's new architecture award scheme for the buildings pletured. The other winners were Jones Stocks & Partners, for the Lawson Library at Leeds Grammar

Commendations were awarded to commencations were aworded to the planning and development depart-ment at Boothferry Borough Council, for housing for the elderty at Belton and the Architecture & Design Partnership for the Trattoria Alla Scala restaurant at Huddersfield.





## Royal favourites

Prince Charles made a surprise visit to the Duchy of Cornwall-owned Newquoy House to Kennington two weeks ago, to meet tananta and architects and to give the royal nod to the RfBA/Hunt Thompson modernisation and transfer of

ownership scheme for the block.

The duchy has accepted a plan which includes the sale of the block to a bousing trust, which would finance the purchase using a low-cost index-linked toan, hopefully from the Hallfax Building Society. A teopois cooperative would then be given the responsibility for management of the block under a lease from the trust.

Huot Thompson's role was two-fold; they had to demonstrate that selling the block off could be a commercial proposition and show the teconic that they would also benefit from the chaogs in ownership of the block.

The architects sell up an office in Newquay House and, using proreo community architecture principles as applied to the successfut Lea Viow House Project in Hackney, got the lengal ainvolved in the scheme. They saws dramatic swing in tenant opinion in favour of the transfer of ownership and the modernisation scheme proposed.

Financial negotiations are now going on, mainly with the Haiffax's housing development controller David Coutile and other financial institutions.

But it should go well. Prince Charles is known to be enthusiastic, RIBA president Larry Rolland is keen to see it succeed, and the tenants are convinced that they can only banefit. The picture shows architects Carolina Dove and Ben Derbyshirs talking to Prince Charles at Newquay House.

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Derbyshirs talking to Prince Charles at Newquay House.

rented housing, as promised last week, it seems appropriate to mention the House of Commons shock horror debate on the EEC's determination to impose VAT on new privote housebuilding. Fortunately for the construction industry, John Heddie MP has been diligent in monitoring this subject, and his speech in

the last adjournment debate before the Parliamentary recess was a cogent argument against the imposition of this tax. In passing, however, he noted that some people believed VAT would be subtracted from the land price by builders, thus leaving the consumer no worse off - an echo of my argument last week. Heddie describes this as "theoretically a neat proposition" (I have cut out the lines from Hansard ready for framing), but claims it ignores two factors: first, the chaos of a transition period where people are taxed on schemes where the land was bought at the pre-tax price; and secondly that land-

An unholy combination BEFORE turning to the problem of There is no reason why VAT on private housing should not come in at some time In the future, thus giving people time to prepare; as to what Heddic described aa the price of land being "very sticky downwards" I dare say he can recall the property market in other thao its present baimy condition. The price of land should not be a sacred cow. That it is indanger of becoming so is because of the dearth of private rented necommodation in this country, a thoroughly unhealthy situation which the political parties do not appear much interested in doing anything obout. To be fair, individual MPs such as John Heddie have come forward with positive proposals, for instance compelling councils to hand over property which has been empty in their care for more than six months to people on waiting ilsts prepared to undertake necessary repair work. But nelther Government nor Opposition seems interested in earrying out the one owners will withhold property if the price piece of legislation which at o stroke

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could transform the market --- which is to deciare that from a certain date, all new tenancles would be uncontrolled us to rent, but would have the same sort of security of tenure as is enjoyed by tenants of commercial property. Who will deilver us from the yoke of the Rent Acts? Some believe Nicholos Ridley is ottracted to the idea, but to be of any use, it is vital to get a measure of all-party agreement.

No doubt there will be cross-bench opposition to the VAT question, and as readers will recall. I detest VAT as much as the next man. However, enn the Government in logie resist Europe's ilemands when it has riready conceded over this tax in relation to repnir and maintenance of our building stock? I fear tite pass has aiready been soid.

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## Getting it right by accident

DEVELOPER Speyhawk has discovered by accident what the protession has been arging for decsdes.

At the River Thames Trust's annual conference, sponsored by Speyhswk, the company's founder and joint managing director, Trevor Osborne, described an ambitious employment park scheme.

The 68hn Thames Valley Park, site of the now demolished Reading Power Station, needed a good deal of reclamation, land contouring and civil engineering to prepare it, and Speyhawk engaged plauning, engineering and land-scape consultants carly on.

The concept was of buildings within a landscaped setting. "Only later did it become apparent what was happening," said Osborne, "We were crent-

ing a landscope and then within that inneses positing buildings." BDP are landscape designers and engineers for the park.



Ten yaors ago the Countryside Comminsion put £45,000 o year for three years into an experiment in the positive managoment of the countryside on London's northern fringe. Togather with Hertfordshire County Council and the London Borough of Barnet, it appointed a project officer or "countryside manager" whose job was, it could be said, to "orand fences".

He organised modest improvements and repairs, for instance to stiles, fences and waymarking of footpaths and bridleways, and repair of hard-word paths and tracks; he worked to create better relations between farmers and tracks; he worked to create better relations between farmers and tracks; he worked to create better relations between farmers and tracks; he worked to create better relations between farmers and tracks in the one hand, conservation is an applicable to country the one hand.

the one hand, conservationism and people using the countryside for recreation on the other; worked to increase townspeople's understanding of the countryside and to remove or lessen eauses of friction.

In 1986 countryside management in Uertfordshire is no longer experimental. It is no established service covering the whole of the county as well as the Barnet green bolt, with 28 full-time staff, 17 part-time rangers and 150 volunteer rangers. It now has the back-upof machines and power to of in the early days. Its budget is some £300,000 a year.

Contenders line up for leading role

WITH the retirement this month of Michael Porter, one of the top government landscape posts is up for grabs.

Porter, who joined the then ninistry of transport in 1961 as

By Tony Aldous

its first landsespe architect, built uptite profession's presence to a tesm of 10, including seven

working alongside highwny engineers and planners but providing an independent proessional vicw.

Opening

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THE Countryside Commission is helping to fund an engainmental project by East Susses. Country Council to design, equip and promote a series of "circular walks" on the South Down above Brighton

A seminar at nearby Susser

University in July heard hosp people from inner-city of sub-nirhan areas often lacked con-

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subject of the Landscape Insti-

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to be held from September 17-20

at Keele University, Stalford-shire. Details from Colin Good-

**UK festivals** 

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On the whole the results are

ohstructed rights of way.

At one stage it was feared that nnd bridges in good order, at | by providing leaflets to by he would not be replaced, and that an administrator would be brought in to head the section. But his post was advert-ised in selected Whitehall deexpected bonus is a special partments, and applications closed a week ago on the day he retired. The post is at super-intending grade (Grade 6, ounting down from Cabinet

secretary level), with a salary

range of £19,370 to £25,652

including London weighting). Possible successors include the two most senior members of is team, Leo Kramer and Don Dyke, From other departments. Charles Smart of the Welsh Office could be considered a strong contender, as might dichael Ellison, the head of the Property Services Agency's indscape team and part-time

rofessor at University College,

For Ellison, success would bring no gain in status or salary, out some of his colleagues think he is looking for a change.



# **Blooming dales**

Among the five ornix largest norseries in Britain, Bloomn at Bressingham on the Norfolk/Suffolk border is vary much o family affair

npecialised in cut flowers, carved it out of at times distinctly hostila fen and rundown farmland near Diss. When he bought the place it was described as a "small gentlaman's sporting astate". Now the Bressingham Plant Centre opens seven days u week, has 18-20,000 Hanto in stock and amploys more than 200

Its centropieco is a new building, consisting of rix interconnecting timber and glass hexagons, which houses bookshop, garden equipment, lavatories, and coffee bar. Handsome, appropriate and practical, it was designed not by an architect but by a building surveyor, Richard Pithor of Olss.

Bressingham is a tourint attraction in its own right. Bloom is u ntaom power fan and now han 20-odd staam rallway angines; four soparate allway lines in various gauges from 15-inch to standard; a museum of railway equipment and memorabilia and a remarkable collection of steampowered farm and road vehicles.

The steam collection and the Bloom

Alan reckons to work n

Alan reckons to work n reweek, much of it in the gardens safet the railway. How many of those should be ride that 2ft gauge aursery line get that the old man in the black gath cap is the chairman of Black Nurseries and author and published a new 140-page paperback which the ir story.

Last June Bloom's intermediate their father's 80th year, his 40th as a nursery man, the 40th same sary of Blooms and Z2 years the steam muraum. steam museum. The story of Bressing

nursery, steam museum, by the Bloom is published by him on beat the Brenstugham Steam Meine Trust, price £3.50. This and done Bloom's Conifers and hea Bloom's Confers and heathers, year round garden (peblished Marshall Cavendish for Aura and Floraprint, 25,99) are sold from bookshops or from Bloom Bressingham, Bressingham, Bressingham, 1922 2AB. Posters are £3,95 (the Story) and the Confers.

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## Arabian flights of fancy at Olympia

ANXIOUS to combat bad publicity about floggings, amputations and worse—like blanking out the Royal kiss in photos of the Duke and Duchess of York— the Saudi Arabians have spent a reputed £12 million in staging the "Riyadh — Yeslerday and Today" exhibition at Olympia which closes on Sunday.

Apart from television advervirtually every London doubledecker, this has brought together designer Jssper Jacob Kimpton Walker who had practised on the elaborate stage sets for "Starlight Express".

Jimor, is a "frank" biography which is being kept tightly under wraps until a spring 1987 launch. press". Ten tons of desert sand were

imported to surround replicas of old Riyadh with an oasis and palm trees, a well, and Bedouin teni from the pre-oil boom days.

Models of modern buildings and a day-to-night lighting effect last 15 minutes fill a dome

structure representing the mod-I gather the show has been visited by the Interbuild organi-sers planning the 1987 National Exhibition Centre spectacular.

Its designers have been busy with their sketch pads, though whe-ther Bryan Montgomery and his team will have the sort of funds necessary to transform Birmingham into an oasis remains to be

### Scene and heard

NO prizes for spotting the error emblazoned across the front cover of the new 1985/86 London Region Yearbook of the RIBA. The photograph is a spectacular aerial view of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich - but reversed so that the Royal Observatory is now in the wrong hemisphere!

 THE Chartered Institute of suilding is trying to persuade graduates that the construction ndustry offers alternative and stractive prospects to those on offer from Big Bang Cily brokers. No, it is not offering double the usual meagresalaries, but it has devised a competition for sixth-formers "with the aim of improving the 'Auf Wiedersehn Pet' image" of muddy wellies and an endless supply of Newky Brown sie.

• TENANTS of Newquay House in Kennington, south London — their landlord is the Duchy of Cornwall - are ng a massive hike in their ع ا rates bills following the acceptance of Hunt Thompson Associstes' feasibility study for im-provement of the Louis de Soissons, 1930s block.

A two-bedroom flat on the run-down estate currently costs £70 per month — £547 4 year — in levies to the People's Republic of Lambeth. This sum is likely to be increased substantially once the flats are turned into bijou coop residences which would command a price tag of £60,000-

plus on the open market. BOOKS on Prince Charles will be published thick and fast over the next few months, as the heir to the throne continues to generate public interest with his welfare. One due out shortly welfare. One due out shortly purpose".

from W H Allen is on the Building Design, August 6, 1976

tising and posters on the back of Prince's inherited love of the spirit world; the other, by Private Eye columnist and Channel 4 presenter Penny

### Socks for celebrities

THE last issue of Private Eve went to town on style journal Blueprint by suggesting that the price of getting your mugshot on he front cover is 100 pairs of Paul Smith "designer" socks recommended retnil price £7 per pair I. Apparently this was a gesture of gratitude for being so prominently featured.

But I hear that there has been another beneficiary of Smith's largesse: when CZWG partner Piers Gough appeared on the telly recently wearing a Paul Smith jacket, he received shortly afterwards a parcel from a grateful Mr Smith containing yes — another two Paul Smith

### **Return to** Ronan Point?

THE PSA is selling off ex-War Office married quarters built in 12M Jes Person, the problem-plagued system used at Hulmein

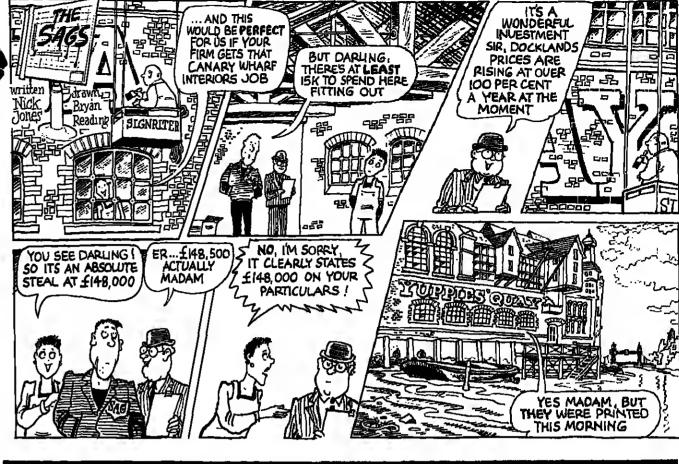
During the mid 1960s, 2,000 12M JesPerson homes were built by the Ministry of Public Buildings & Works at Alder-shot, Bordon, Larkhill, Tidworth and Gosport. All were finished by Msy 1967, one year before the Ronan Point disaster. Latest to come on the market

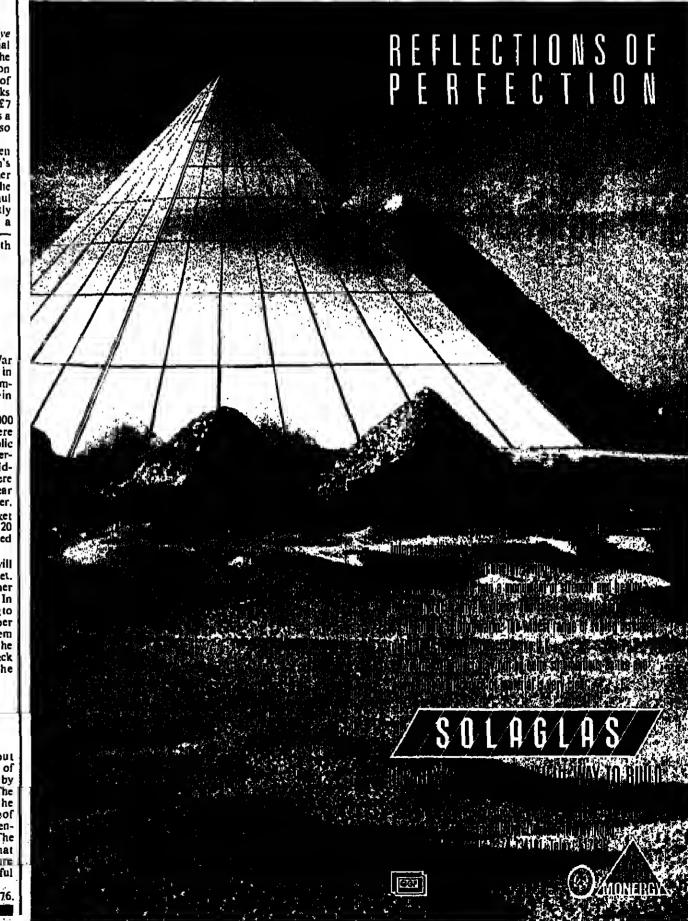
is a 10-storey PSA block of 120 flats in Gosport, formerly used as Navy married quarters.

After conversion the flats will be sold on the open market. What happens if an owner occupier then installs gas? In local authorities in October 1984 to check their system buildings, shouldn't he ask the DoE to ask the PSA to check theirs? After all he is the

### 10 years ago

THE RIBA has come out against the use and creation of comprehensive design guides by local planning authorities. The Institute's evidence to the Environment Sub Committee of the House of Commons Expenditure Committee states: "The RIBA does not believe that amusing views or architecture. detailed resign guides ... are the inner cities and social likely to serve a nationally useful







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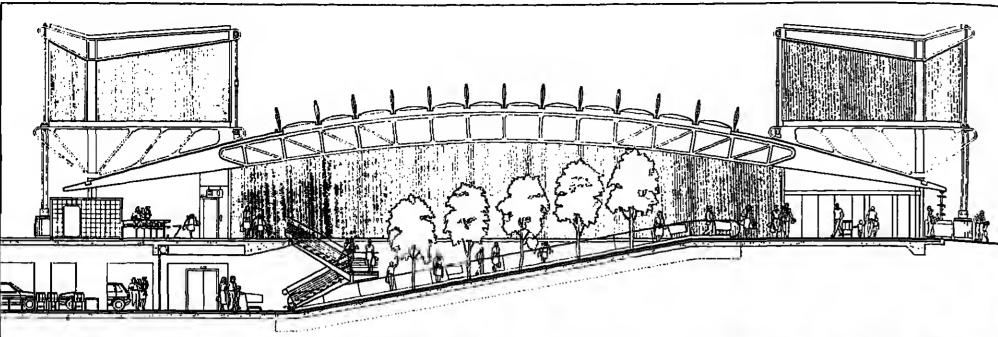
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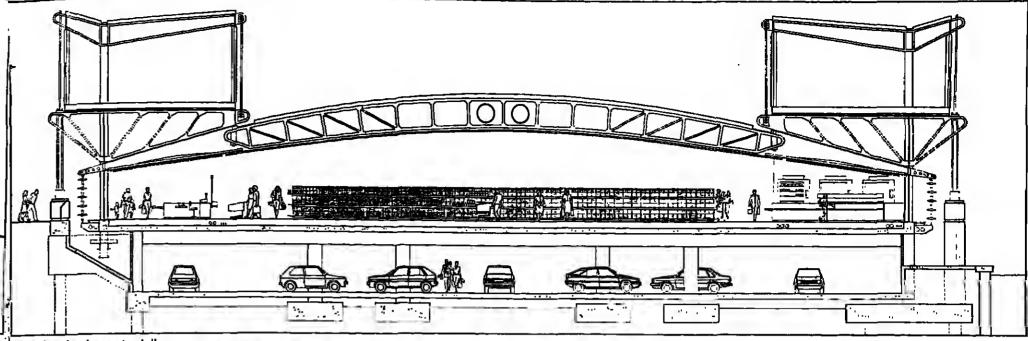
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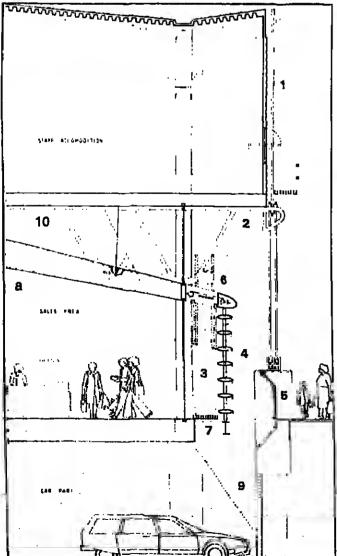




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Elevation detail foeing Camden Road on preliminary model



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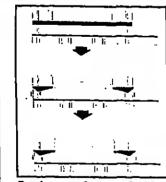
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Left: Section through store front.

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Development of structural concept using the rod backstays to lighten the long span roof.

Design team Client: J Soinsbury (Robin Anderson, Philip Cole). Architects: Nicholas Grhushaw & Partners (Nick Grimshaw, Chris Nash, Neven Sidor, Mark Fisher, Hin Tan, Roweno Fuller, Sally Braper). Structural engineer: Kenchington Livile & Partners (Wany Burnett, Ron Slade, Bill Price). Engineering (services): J Sainsbury pic (Ken Stnelair). Public Health engineering: Ronald Joyce Associates (Ron Joyce). Quantity surveyars: Henry Joyce). Quantily surveyars: Henry Riley & Sons (John Blackwell, Nigel Finney). Photography: Clive

#### DEMOLITION of the ABC Bakery in Camden Town began this week to make way for Nicholas Grimshaw & Partners' ambitions development for J Sainsbury.

The prnetice was brought in last November to replace Scott Brownrigg & Turner (after outline planning permission had been given) as part of the super market chain's policy to raise its architectural image. Grim-shaw's scheme, which also ran into some local controversy, includes eunalside housing, workshops and a creche as well ns a 5,600sq m superstore with 300 parking places.

The high-profile site is bounded by Camden Road to the south, Camden Street to the east, Kentish Town Road to the west and the Grand Union Canal to the north, and presents an opportunity to bring new life to a dereliel and unattractive urban block with architecture that is unashamedly contemp-

orary.
The intention is to produce a finely detailed building in present-day materials — prim-arily glass, steel and aluminium - whileresponding to the urban grain and scale of the location. Both the workshop block and

Principal superstore elevation facing onto Chinden Road.

# CHAIN REACT

London's most spectacular superstore is under it, to designs by Nicholas Grimshaw & Partners.

buildings less sympathetic to the scale of their surroundings.

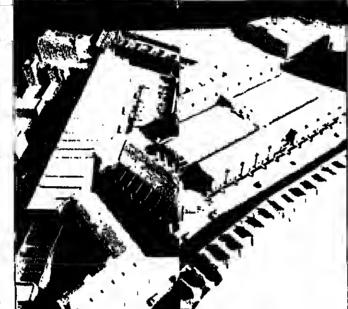
The store itself presents a heroic face to the street, in sharp contrast to the self-effacing appearance of many buildings this type. Instead of blank walls there is a fully glazed shopfront revealing all the activity within the store. Adjustable louvres protect the store from direct sunlight and nt night close to form a security screen.

In response to the demand for completely column-free space throughout the sales area, a structural form has been developed whereby the centre span is supported by steel cantilevered elements which are counterbalanced by a steel tie at the back of the pavement line. In fact, a completely column-free retail area has been achieved with structural spans of 40m.

A "market hall" feeling is given to the store by the gently superstore will be replacing curved centre span and ceiling. Site model viewed from the south.

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Ground-floor plan; a basement level across the site incorporates extensive parking.



while the supporting at acta relaexpressed on the outside of the building, ensuring that the concept can be read by anyone passing by as well as providing the elevation with a visual richness and rhythm in keeping with the general streetscape,

The operational solution involves locating the customer entry, exit and upper-level accommodation on the southern side of the store while the service and storage areas are located on the northern side.

Rising up from the basement parking level, from Cumden Road and Kenlish Town Road via n new pedestrian route, customers are led through a spacious top-lit mall towards the store entrance. The mall has at its hub a coffee shop, extens-The workshop block on

Kenlish Town Road is designed as a double-height flexible space raised up on pilotis to allow for

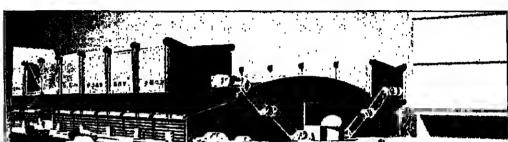
car parking and the passage of service vehicles at ground level. Service elements and groundfloor retail units are located to provide an entrance for the pedestrian route to the store.

Canalside houses, screening the loading and parking activity related to the store, are again designed in steel, aluminium and glass, maintaining the industrial look of the southern side of the canal. The houses include generously glazed. double-height studio living spaces which receive southern sunshine from reflective louvres,

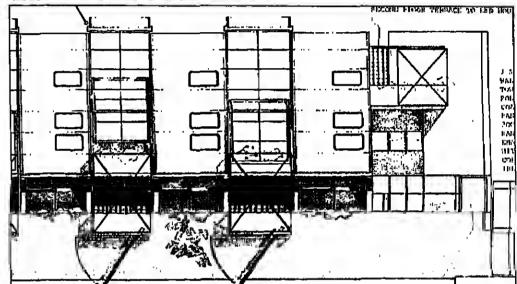
Land on the north side of the canal across from Grimshaw's terrace and previously owned by Sainsbury is now to be developed by Camden. Its architects department is to design a housing scheme set back from the southfacing canalside walk and landscaped gardens, and thereby continuing the incremental improvement of this run-

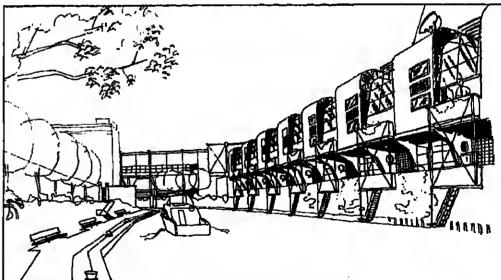
down area.
The Grimshaw designs won detailed planning consent in May and were highly commended by the Royal Fine Art Commission as an "example of bold and enlightened patronage" and a "precedent for the

Completion date for the whole scheme is autumn 1988.

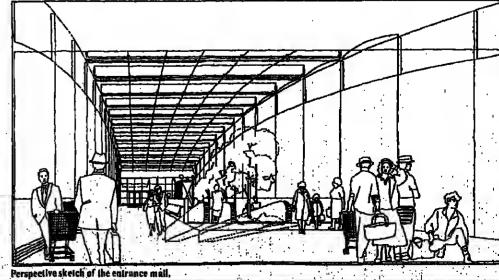


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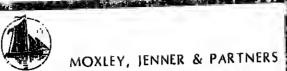
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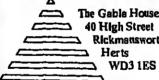
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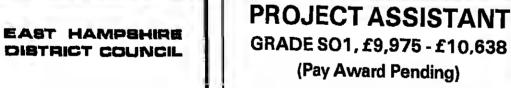
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